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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:
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For (title): RECLOSABLE PACKAGE HAVING OFFSET PULL TAB
FEATURE AND RELATED METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

1. Type of Application

This application is an original application.

2. Papers Enclosed Herewith

The following papers required for a filing date under 37 CFR
1.53(b) are enclosed:

- 13 Pages of specification
- 6 Pages of claims
- 1 Page of abstract
- 5 Sheets of formal drawings

The following additional papers are enclosed:

- X Declaration and Power of Attorney
- X Assignment
- X Recordation Form Cover Sheet
- X Check in amount of \$1,210.00
- X Designation of Address for Receipt
of Patent Office Correspondence
- X Information Disclosure Statement
Form PTO-1449 (modified)
- X 2 Prior Art Citations

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents
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3. Filing Fee Calculation

The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

Basic fee for large entity		\$750
Total claims in excess of 20	(= 14) × \$18	\$252
Total independent claims in excess of 3	(= 2) × \$84	\$168
Basic Filing Fee Due:		\$1,170

4. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

<u>X</u>	Basic filing fee	\$1,170
<u>X</u>	Fee for recordation of assignment	\$40
Total Fees Enclosed:		\$1,210

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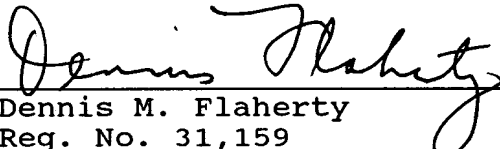
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